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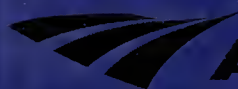
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Carbondale     cctb.org

5/19 Downtown Art & Wine Fair

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7/16-21 Macoupin County Fair

Centralia    centraliail.com

8/4-5 Hydroplane Boat Races

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6/4 Hot Rod Power Tour

6/29-30 Blues, Brews & BBQ Festival

10/19-28 U of I Homecoming

William M. Staerke Planetarium

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parkland.edu/planetarium

Chicago



explorechicago.org

2/10-19 Chicago Auto Show

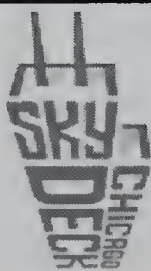
4/27-29 NEXT Art Chicago

6/8-10 Chicago Blues Festival

7/11-15 Taste of Chicago

8/18-19 Chicago Air & Water Show

8/30-9/2 Chicago Jazz Festival



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Danville      **danvilleareainfo.com**

3/19-24 National Jr College Div. III Basketball Tournament
10/27-28 Kickapoo Karvers

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DuQuoin     **duquoin.org**

8/24-9/3 DuQuoin State Fair

Dwight   **dwrightchamber.net**

2/15 Bidding for Excellence

The Windmill

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Effingham   **visiteffinghamil.com**

8/3-11 Effingham County Fair

9/14-16 Mid America Motorworks Corvette Funfest

Galesburg      **visitgalesburg.com**

1/27-29 Galesburg Chocolate Festival

6/23-24 Galesburg Railroad Days

8/17-19 Galesburg Heritage Days

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Glenview     **visitchicagonorthshore.com**

8/11-12 Art at the Glen

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Homewood..... **homesweethomewood.com**

2/18 Chocolate Fest

5/19-20 Rail Days

5/26 French Market

6/8-9 Art and Garden Street Fair

Visit historic downtown Homewood

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Joliet..... **visitjoliet.com**

9/13 Race Fan Rally - downtown

8/4 Kidzfest - downtown

Harrah's Casino & Paula Deen Restaurant

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Kankakee..... **visitkankakeecounty.com**

5/20 Rhubarb Festival

8/1-5 Kankakee County Fair

The B. Harley Bradley House

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wrightinkankakee.org

Kewanee..... **kewanee-il.com**

8/31-9/3 Hog Days

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La Grange..... **westsuburbanchamber.org**

9/15-16 West End Art Festival

Lincoln..... **tourlogancounty.com**

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Macomb     **makeitmacomb.com**

6/21-24 Heritage Days

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9/7-8 Balloon Rally

9/28-30 Al Sears Jazz Festival

9/29 Gazebo Art Festival

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wiu.edu/cas/casgallery.php

Mattoon/

Charleston     **mattoon.illinois.org**

8/25 Coles County Air Show

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Mendota    **mendotachamber.com**

8/9-12 Mendota Sweet Corn Festival

Union Depot Railroad Museum • mendotamuseums.org

Normal/Bloomington

     **bloomingtonnormalcvb.org**

3/10, 17, 24, 25, 31 American Passion Play

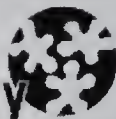
6/28-8/11 Illinois Shakespeare Festival

7/7-8 Sugar Creek Arts Festival

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Naperville     **visitnaperville.com**





8/31-9/3 Ribfest

8/31-9/3 Last Fling

Naper Riverwalk

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featuring covered bridges, gazebos, and playgrounds.

napervilleparks.org



Pontiac     **pontiac.org**

5/5-6 Red Carpet Corridor Festival

6/30-7/1 Pre-War Transportation Exhibition

Walldog Mural Museum

Preservation and appreciation of outdoor murals and advertising wall signs.
muralmuseum.com

Princeton     **princeton-il.com**

9/7-9 Homestead Festival

10/13-14 Shadows of the Blue & Gray

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Quad Cities     **visitquadcities.com**




6/8-9 Gumbo Ya Ya Mardi Gras in The District (*Rock Island*)

8/10-11 Ya Maka My Weekend Caribbean Fest (*Rock Island*)

Fryxell Geology Museum

Swenson Hall at Augustana College – near Amtrak

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augustana.edu

Quincy/Hannibal    **seequincy.com**

5/6 Quincy Preserves House Tours

6/22-24 Midsummer Arts Faire

9/22-23 Great River Grape Escape



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Rockford     **gorockford.com**

6/9-10 1900 America Chautauqua, Midway Village Museum

8/3-5 Festa Italiana

9/15-16 Greenwich Village Art Fair, Rockford Art Museum

Nicholas Conservatory & Gardens

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Springfield  **visit-springfieldillinois.com**

6/8-9/3 History Comes Alive

8/10-19 Illinois State Fair

9/21-23 Route 66 Mother Road Festival

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